

"THE CACHALOTS"

THE SOUTHAMPTON MASTER MARINERS' CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 14th JANUARY 2016 at 18:30HRS

Those present (23)

L.Morris, (Chairman), K.Dagnall, I. Odd, P.Leece, A.Tinsley, I.Thomson, D.Gates, T.Clark, R.Kelso, J.Mileusnic, M.Grant, L. Odd, P.Grant, G.Cartwright, R.Pretty, J.Noble, B.Peck, C. Robinson, B. Chipperfield, L.Hall, D. Dunn, R. Plumley, C. Coote

1) Gone Aloft since the last AGM

The meeting stood and observed a one minute silence in memory of the members :-

Roger Bennett, Angus Baber, Paddy O'Sullivan, Terry Winsborough, Paul Townsend, Les Amey, Mike Robbins, Harvey Smith, Keith Edwards, John Moffat, Hamish Roberts, Sam Household.

2) Apologies

J. Smart (eye hospital), M.Wallis, H. Perry, S. Harwood, A. McDowall, R. Olden, I.Petersen, G. Draysey, K. Owen, G. Pugh, R. Domanski, F.Pedersen, I. Sterling, J. Whorwood, G.Angas

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2015

These were accepted as a true record of the last AGM

Proposed; R. Kelso, Seconded; G. Cartwright.

4) Matters Arising

From the Floor - - Page 3 'The membership was still in decline and since the New Year nine have resigned' It was considered that we should verbally publicise that non seafarers could join our Club, a good opportunity would be at the Sea Pie Supper although this is mentioned on the back page of the Menu. It was also suggested that publicity should be placed on each table.

5) Management Committee Changes – Election of 5 Harpooners

Ballot held from applicants Cachalots Cartwright, Chipperfield, Clark, Coote, Gates, Grant, Hall, The result was Cachalots B. Chipperfield, T.Clark, C.Coote, D. Gates, P.Grant were elected for a two year term in accordance with Rule 8. The sixth Harpooner J.Noble is due to retire next year on completion of his two year term.

The Chair requested the members views on 'Rule 3(b) At least six Harpooners be elected at an AGM'. It was explained that 'At Least' gives flexibility due to ill health, moving etc. although the Management Committee would prefer having only six Harpooners at the present time. The Management Committee can in accordance with Rule 4(a) Co-opted Members as they think necessary and such members do not have voting rights however the Committee should give this some consideration.

6) Storekeeper's Report (Ian Odd)

Copies of the unaudited Club accounts for the year ending 31st October 2014 had been distributed to the members present. Apologies due to ill health have been received from the Club Accountant for his tardiness in auditing the report.

The Storekeeper presented his report using these accounts and reported that for this year we had a £36,794.03 assets subject to being audited.

He then explained the various items of income and expenditure and it should be noted that the invoice from the Southampton Seafarers Centre for some bar items and for the Captains charity presentation

buffet lunch in June are still awaited and it was suggested that an official reminder letter should be sent to them.

The Sea Pie Supper account showed a surplus of £7336.97

The Shipping Festival Service account was not received from the Cathedral until November and would therefore appear in next year's accounts.

250 Club Lottery - It was suggested that for each Club financial year starting on 1st. November for every £300 we take in over and above £1700 (the sum generated last financial year) then a further £100 prize be generated. The additional prize to be drawn at same time as the regular monthly prizes.

The Members present considered that they could not adopt the present accounts as they were unaudited and that an Extra Ordinary General Meeting should be held in accordance with our Rules once the audited accounts have been received and approved by the Management Committee. A notice should then be inserted in the 'Cachalot Newsletter' that the audited accounts are available in the Club Room and that an Extra Ordinary General Meeting should be called in accordance with Rule 20(a) on a future Friday lunch time to approve the audited accounts.

The Storekeeper was thanked for his hard work in preparing his report.

7) Boatsteerer's Report (Ken Dagnall)

It is now about 18 months since I took over the Boatsteerer's position from Captain Reg. Kelso, the last AGM being my first in this position.

Thanks to a valiant band of Cachalots I managed to navigate through the Sea Pie Supper last February at the new venue of St. Marys Stadium with only a few mistakes.

The Shipping Festival Service last June was once again blessed with good weather and again my thanks must go to that valiant band of ladies and Cachalots for making it a success.

On both occasions lessons have been learnt in the art of navigating around difficulties.

The Management Committee which meets four times a year seems to be working well without too many hiccups, moans and suggestions for improving our Club are always welcomed (the Minutes of their Meetings are in a blue file for your perusal at the foot of the Notice Board and are on our library computer).

The Bursary and Events are reported elsewhere by the two co-opted officers who both receive the Management thanks for jobs well done.

The Management Committee has in accordance with Rule 25 confirmed the appointment of Cachalots R.Kelso, B.Peck, J.Smart and D. Stocks as Trustees of the Club.

Praise must be given to our Editor of 'The Cachalot Newsletter' who quietly works away in producing our Newsletter and Menus etc for our various functions.

What of the future of the Club, no doubt many of the Cachalots will blow hard and spout a lot on this subject – especially on the future of unmanned ships and our Club Rooms.

I wish to thank Reg., Richard and the other Club Officers Past & Present and not forgetting Liz for their help and guidance and hope that I didn't drop too many clangers.

The Chair thanked the Boatsteerer for his report.

8) Membership Matters (Doug. Gates)

D.Gates presented his report. The changes in the membership during 2015 being as follows :-

Members 329, Gone Aloft 11, Resigned or deleted 13 and 10, New Members and members re joined 8
The membership was still slowly in decline and new non seafaring members interested in maritime affairs would be welcomed.

The Chair thanked D. Gates for his report.

9) Reports from Functions and Bursary Officers.

a) Functions Officer Peter Grant presented his Committee's report 2015.

14 events were organised including an outing to Portsmouth Dockyard followed by Dinner at 'Royal Naval Club & Royal Albert Yacht Club', the aim of the functions was to promote fellowship in the Club and make a small profit from activities and this year none of the functions made a loss.

The Committee also supported the 2015 Captain's Charity.
Suggestions for the 2016 Club Outing would be welcomed
The Chair thanked Peter Grant and his Committee for another successful year.

b) 'The Captain Peter Marriott Bursary Award' (John Mileusnic)

A brief history of the Bursary was given and as mentioned at the previous AGMs it was agreed that our Bursary Award would go to both the Winchester and Southampton Sea Cadet Units who help the Club at our Shipping Festival Service.

Last year, only the Southampton Unit took advantage of the Award and had a week's training on the new T.S. 'Royalist', a report is in the hands of our Newsletter Editor.

Very shortly invitations for applications will be sent to both Units for our 2016 Awards and it is already understood that the Southampton Unit will apply towards 12 cadets receiving a week's training onboard the T.S. 'Jack Petchey'.

The Chair and members thanked John Mileusnic for his report.

10) Introduction to the Club Officers for 2015

The Chairman reported that the Past Captains had elected L. Morris as Club Captain and Robin Plumley as Staff Captain for 2016.

The Chair welcomed and introduced Robin Plumley to the AGM and hoped that he would enjoy his appointment. Robin then gave an outline of his career.

The appointment of officers for 2016 is as follows :-

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| CAPTAIN | L. Morris |
| STAFF CAPTAIN | R.Plumley MBE |
| POST CAPTAIN | J. Smart |
| BOATSTEERER (<i>Hon. Secretary</i>) | K. Dagnall MBE |
| STOREKEEPER (<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>) | I. Odd |
| HARPOONERS | B.Chipperfield, T. Clark, C. Coote, D. Gates, P.Grant, J. Noble (It may be noted that one Harpooner is due to retire at the 2017 AGM) |

The Chairman on behalf of the Club Captain Jeremy Smart thanked the Officers both past and present, the Club Members, and behind the scenes Richard and Liz for their help and support which was very much appreciated during his term of office

11) Any Other Business

The Chairman enquired about the Cricket Section and was advised that this Section was in difficulty as they were often struggling to muster a team for most games. More often than not, this resulted in SMMCC fielding a team made up of strangers or borrowed players from the opposing team and sometimes having to cancel the fixture. Raising the subject at the Sea Pie Supper would be appreciated. The Club will require to recruit from the members an Archivist after the loss of Hamish Roberts. The financial funds appear to be increasing and concern was raised that they may become excessive. It was suggested that both the last two items should be discussed by the Management Committee

12) Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday 12th January 2017 in the Clubroom at 18-30 hrs.